

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Since 1866, the Thormodsgaards have been journeying from the fjords and farms of Norway to a new home in America; and,

WHEREAS, In 1881, the Erik Olson Thormodsgaard family settled in Norway Township, Lincoln County, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, The original homestead was passed to Ole E. Thormodsgaard, who passed it on to Oliver Thormodsgaard, who now lives on, owns, and farms the home place; and,

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Thormodsgaards established homes, raised families, helped build churches and schools, and gave the gift of themselves to their new homeland; and,


WHEREAS, On Sunday, August 2, a great celebration will be held to commemorate the coming of the Thormodsgaard family from Hallingdal, Norway, to South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 2, 1981, as

THORMODSGAARD FAMILY REUNION DAY

In South Dakota, and I personally commend the family for realizing that our hope for the future lies in our respect for the past.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One


WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE